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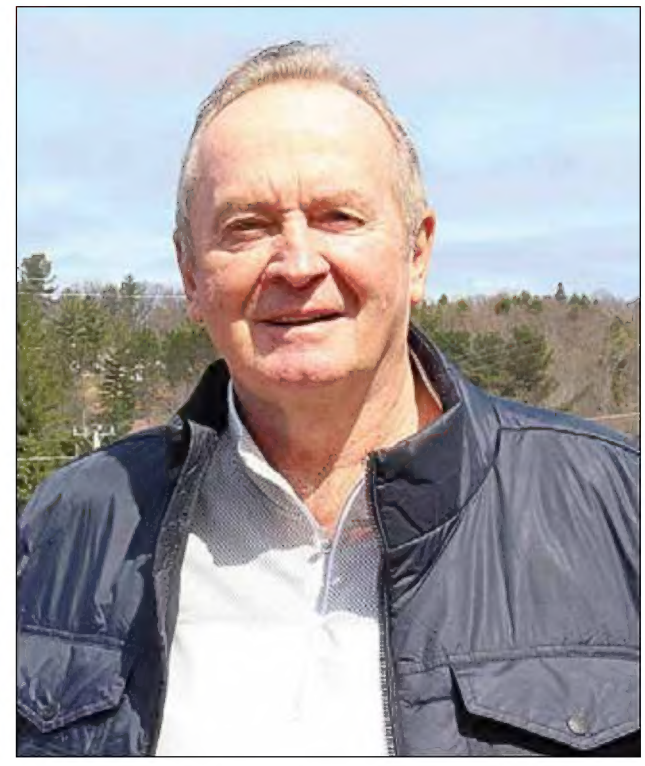

Pat Casey would step up in the interim with deputy mayor Walt McKechnie undecided. *File.*

What happens next

By Mike Baker

Dysart et al elected officials will meet later this month to figure out next steps as to who will carry the torch as head of council to the end of the current term.

CAO Tamara Wilbee said the township adopted a new council vacancy policy in May 2025. It stipulates a by-election must only be held if a seat becomes vacant before March 31 of an election year. Because that date has passed, council will fill the mayoral seat – vacated following the death of incumbent, Murray Fearrey, last week – by appointment.

Wilbee said the first step will be to officially declare the seat as vacant. Council will then have 60 days from that date to select Fearrey's successor.

There is a caveat within the policy that states vacancies do not need to be filled within 90 days of a municipal election, but with 151 days until voting day Oct. 26 at the time of Fearrey's death, they are required to make an appointment. Council will discuss the issue June 16.

Thus far, one member of council has expressed interest – Ward 2 coun. Pat Casey, who is vying for the mayor's seat in October's vote - and another is undecided, deputy mayor Walt McKechnie.

Speaking to *The Highlander* June 1, McKechnie said it would be an honour to follow in the footsteps of his friend, Fearrey, but that he needed some time to think about it.

"Emotions are high right now, there's a lot going on. I don't think it's the right time for me to make that decision," McKechnie said.

Casey confirmed on June 2 he'd be willing to step up too.

"I'm ready for it, pretty well-versed in what's going on in Dysart right now. I'm not trying to oversell myself, but I'm letting everybody know I'm available for the job and can definitely handle it," Casey said. "If I've got to row the boat for a couple of months until the next election, I'm willing to do it."

It doesn't necessarily need to be a sitting member of council appointed to the role – members of the public can apply too. They need to be 18 or older, a Canadian citizen, and a resident of, or landowner, in Dysart. They will need to submit an endorsement of nomination signed by 25 eligible voters in Dysart. Candidates may also submit a personal statement of qualification for consideration.

Municipal employees may also apply, though must take an unpaid leave of absence until the position has been filled. If they are appointed, they will be forced to resign from their staff role.

Wilbee confirmed the appointee will not inherit strong mayor powers. She said, to the best of her knowledge, this is the first time an active member of Dysart et al council has died.

"It feels like there is a heavy cloud over the office at the moment. We are still in a bit of disbelief Murray is no longer here," Wilbee said.

In his role as deputy, McKechnie will run Dysart council meetings until an appointment has been made.

No AI slop

Dysart loses 'true titan' of community

By Mike Baker

Haliburton County came to a collective standstill last week as locals heard of the death of one of the community's greatest champions: Dysart et al mayor Murray Fearrey.

The longtime municipal politician died May 28, aged 84. He passed peacefully, surrounded by his partner Donna McCallum and family. He had been in poor health after a recent fall at home.

Murray was one of the longest tenured politicians in Canadian history, with more than 50 years of service. He was first elected to Dysart council in 1971 before becoming reeve (mayor) in 1975 – a position he held for many terms. He served as warden of Haliburton County a dozen times.

He was acclaimed as Dysart's head of council in 2022, spending the past three-and-a-half years progressing several projects he thought were pivotal to the community's long-term future.

"Politics was Murray's life… he loved Haliburton. He truly believed we could do anything as a community. He worked hard to make Haliburton a better place," Donna told *The Highlander* in a June 1 interview.

"He was so proud to live in Haliburton. He spent his whole life here. He always talked about progress, wanting to see the community grow – and making sure we were prepared for that growth. I see his influence everywhere in this community."

Dysart et al deputy mayor Walt McKechnie said Haliburton County lost a true community titan. He first met Murray in the 1970s when, as a National Hockey League player, he was helping out at a prominent local hockey school.

The pair stayed in touch and became friends, with Murray eventually serving as the launching pad for McKechnie's political career 16 years ago.

"There weren't many days since when I have not seen or talked to Murray. We were very close. He had his finger on the pulse always and was so committed to this place," McKechnie said.

The deputy mayor said he found it difficult between 2018 and 2022 without his longtime friend. So much so, he admitted he was the one who made the call to initiate Fearrey's return.

Dysart et al mayor Murray Fearrey died May 28. He was 84. *File.*

"He was the best man for the job – and looking at everything we've been able to accomplish as a council over the past three-and-a-half, I'd say it was the right call. Right up until the end, he was doing whatever he could to make Dysart and the County a better place," McKechnie said.

Murray championed the $1.725 million purchase of 92 acres on County Road 21, deeming it the last available and suitable property for the town to grow. The township has invested ever since, with plans to launch a $3-million community bond program to pave the way for residential development. There is also land for a new long-term care facility and, potentially, an arena.

> *"I see his influence everywhere in this community"*
>
> ***-Donna McCallum***

Beyond that, McKechnie said Murray had been instrumental in progressing the expansion of the township's water treatment facility, bringing the Gardens of Haliburton retirement residence, and advocating for facilities such as J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, the Haliburton School of Art + Design, and the Haliburton hospital.

He also played a key role in securing the land that today houses Head Lake Park from the Canadian National Railway Co.

"In a world of talkers, Murray was a doer. Just look around town, around this County. So many of the major things that we have, that have been done, he's had a hand in. Murray Fearrey is one-of-a-kind. He lived and breathed Haliburton County, loved going into town to talk to people. There will never be another like him."

Genuine

Murray was as genuine as a person could be, Donna said, noting he was the same at home as inside council chambers.

"He was a kind, humble and caring man. He liked to watch what was going on, take it all in, before reacting. And he had a great sense of humour. He could really see the absurdity in things," Donna said.

The couple were together 35 years. Murray was a second father to Donna's three children – Paul, Leigh and Heather, and affectionately known as "Gramps" by her three grandchildren. He also has a daughter, Brenda, from a previous relationship.

In his working life, Murray started out as a municipal assessor for Dysart before joining Ken Wilson as a partner in Haliburton Lumber - now Haliburton Timber Mart - in 1969. He worked there with Wilson until his retirement in 2007. Murray loved fishing and golfing and was a proud member of Haliburton Rotary and the North Entrance Masonic Lodge for many years.

Donna said the outpouring of support over the past week has been heartwarming. She's heard many stories with the same message - that the Haliburton Murray helped create has encouraged others to build their lives and raise their own families here.

There have been many suggestions of ways to honour Murray, including renaming Head Lake Park or the Haliburton hospital in his honour. McKechnie wants to see the municipal building at 135 Maple Ave. named after his longtime mentor.

"I think it would be fitting to have his name on the building he spent so much time in over the past 50 years. Up until about six months ago, he was in there three or four times a week. In his earlier years, he was there every day," McKechnie said. "When you turn that corner from Highland Street onto Maple Avenue, I want people to see his name at the end of the road in shining lights.

A visitation is being held at Haliburton Community Funeral Home June 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be given to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation to support the emergency department.

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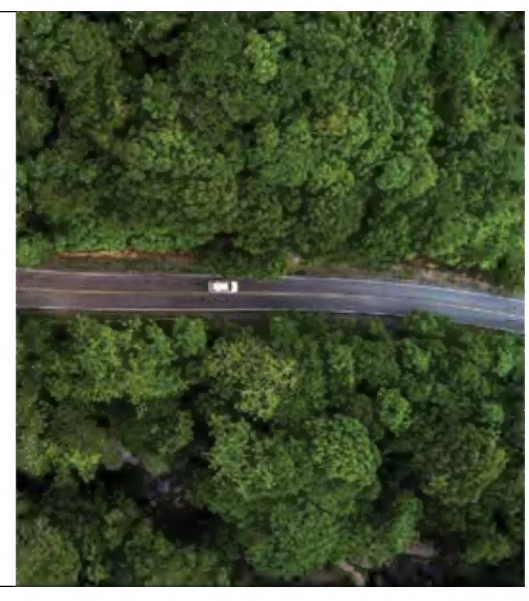

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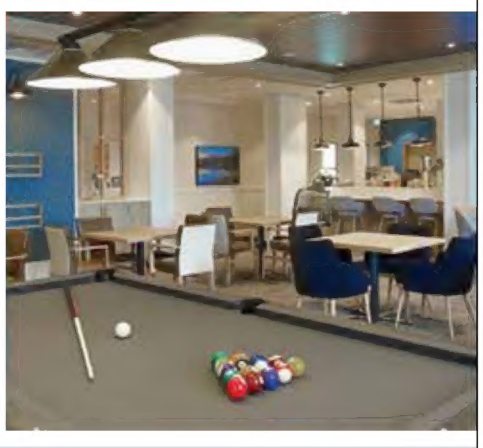

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Top: Terry Moore speaks at the official opening. Bottom: Master gardener, Carolyn Langdon, with Terry Moore's daughter, Aislinn, and his grandchildren, Avreya and Kyle Moore-Wodham. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

Green burial launch

By Lisa Gervais

An official opening ceremony for the new green burial section of St. Stephen's Cemetery was held this past Sunday (May 31).

Algonquin Highlands mayor Liz Danielsen said, "this is the first site of its kind in the County of Haliburton, and the township is pleased to be able to offer this form of burial to those seeking an environmentally-sustainable alternative to traditional methods."

A green burial is a method of laying a body to rest that strives to be as environmentally-gentle as possible. The body is placed directly into the earth in a biodegradable casket, without embalming fluids or synthetic materials. Burials are available year-round.

The project has been about seven years in the making, and Danielsen thanked the Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society (HHGBS), the Algonquin Highlands green burial ad hoc committee, township staff, and community partners, "who have helped make this vision a reality."

President of the HHGBS, Terry Moore, said, "to make this happen required a huge amount of energy and support on the part of AH councillors and staff, as well as the membership of the HHGBS."

He first approached Algonquin Highlands council about the idea after the death of his son, Kyle, and his wife, Shirley, was the first person to be buried in the section.

Moore added, "today we celebrate the achievement of this wonderful, collective, first step in end-of-life practices in our own little piece of paradise. There's so much more work to be done and we're just getting started."

Following speeches, Carolyn Langdon of the Haliburton County Master Gardeners planted a mountain ash tree between large stones, donated by Keith Thomas of Francis Thomas Contracting, and prepared by Darren Johnson of Haliburton Rock Quarry. Langdon was assisted by Moore's grandchildren, Avreya and Kyle Moore-Wodham. Students of the Haliburton School of Art + Design constructed the gazebo under the direction of Glenn Diezel of Diezel Woodworks.

End-of-life doula, Adriane Weller, brought the afternoon's proceedings to a close.
St. Stephen's Cemetery is located at 2072 Buckslide Rd.

No tech bros

Haliburton County Huskies owner Ryan Ramsay with Paul Wilson. *File.*

Haliburton County Huskies put Minden experiment on ice

By Mike Baker

Haliburton County Huskies owner Ryan Ramsay said calling time on his team's five-year stay in the Highlands is one of the hardest and most emotional decisions he's ever had to make.

The team announced May 29 that the franchise would be relocating to Cobourg ahead of the 2026-27 season, closing the curtain on Jr. A hockey in Minden. The Huskies had been playing out of S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena since September 2021.

In the end, Ramsay said it simply cost too much money to ice a Jr. A program in the Highlands. With an annual operational budget of around $500,000, Ramsay noted the team had lost an average of $30,000 to $50,000 a season. The team's previous owner, Paul Wilson, who is Ramsay's father-in-law, bore those costs for five years.

"Even though we do have significant income from donations, sponsorships, ticket sales, player fees etc., there is never enough to cover our costs," Ramsay and Wilson said in a joint statement last week.

Ramsay took ownership of the team in February and, while initially committing to keeping the team in Haliburton County for the 2026-27 season, he told *The Highlander* in a June 1 interview that the numbers just didn't work. He had been in talks with the Cobourg Cougars ownership, which are relocating that franchise to Toronto, shortly after the Huskies 2025-26 season ended in March.

"It was a little bit of everything," Ramsay said when asked why the team was leaving. "We were going to see some more loss of sponsorship, loss of season tickets, lack of billet families (to house players). When you look at it as a whole, we were in a difficult position. This coming year we were looking at increased transportation costs, increased league fees. The bills just kept piling up."

The OJHL ratified the move May 25 with the Ontario Hockey Association rubber stamping it May 29.

While he sees relocating as a practical decision, Ramsay said it has been a tough pill for him to swallow emotionally.

"I literally picked up everything and moved my family here to make this work. I spent five years trying to make this work. Every single day I put everything I had into this," Ramsay said. "Most people go home from their jobs at 5 p.m., but I've carried this with me pretty much non-stop since the Huskies came to Haliburton County.

"This was definitely a hard decision, one of the hardest I've ever had to make. I love it here. This is my home and the Huskies are something very close to my heart… but we couldn't keep going in the direction we were heading," he added.

Ramsay coached the team for four seasons, from 2021 to 2025, before handing the reins to Jordan Bailey for the 2025-26 season, though he stayed on as general manager.

The Huskies amassed a record of 173 wins, 80 losses, seven ties and 16 overtime defeats in 276 regular season games. They made the playoffs in all five seasons they played in the Highlands, playing a further 41 games and going 18-21-2.

Fans will remember the 2024-25 season fondly, with the Huskies consistently ranked among the best Jr. A teams in the country. They finished third in the Ontario Junior Hockey League's East Conference after their only 40-win season and made a run to the conference finals in the playoffs, knocking off the Cougars and Toronto Jr. Canadiens before losing out to eventual champions, the Trenton Golden Hawks.

Proud memories

Ramsay said he takes a lot of pride in guiding the Huskies to the playoffs every season and while there are lots of great memories on the ice and behind the scenes, he said his best moments were ones shared with fans and volunteers.

"It's the relationships and the connections you make with people that I look back on best. Going to the rink and seeing the same 200-250 people every single game. In the hockey world, players and coaches come and go, but those fans, volunteers, billet coordinators, game day staff, they were with us through it all for five years," Ramsay said.

"Even knowing the result and where things ended up, I wouldn't change anything. I would still bring this franchise here again tomorrow. It was a special five years for me, and everyone involved with this team," he added.

Ramsay hopes this isn't the end of hockey in Haliburton County. While he's accepted that running a Jr. A program locally isn't feasible, he believes a Jr. C franchise could work. Talks are underway to bring a team back for the 2027-28 season, with Ramsay saying they could operate under the Huskies banner.

"The budget would be half of a Jr. A team – they don't practice as much, they don't bus as much, the league fees are 75 per cent less, they don't require hotels. If we can bring a Jr. C team here, it'll be a turnkey operation. We'll hand over all the Huskies gear. They'll be ready to play the very next day," Ramsay said, noting it will be a locally-owned team. "Hopefully more news to come later this summer."

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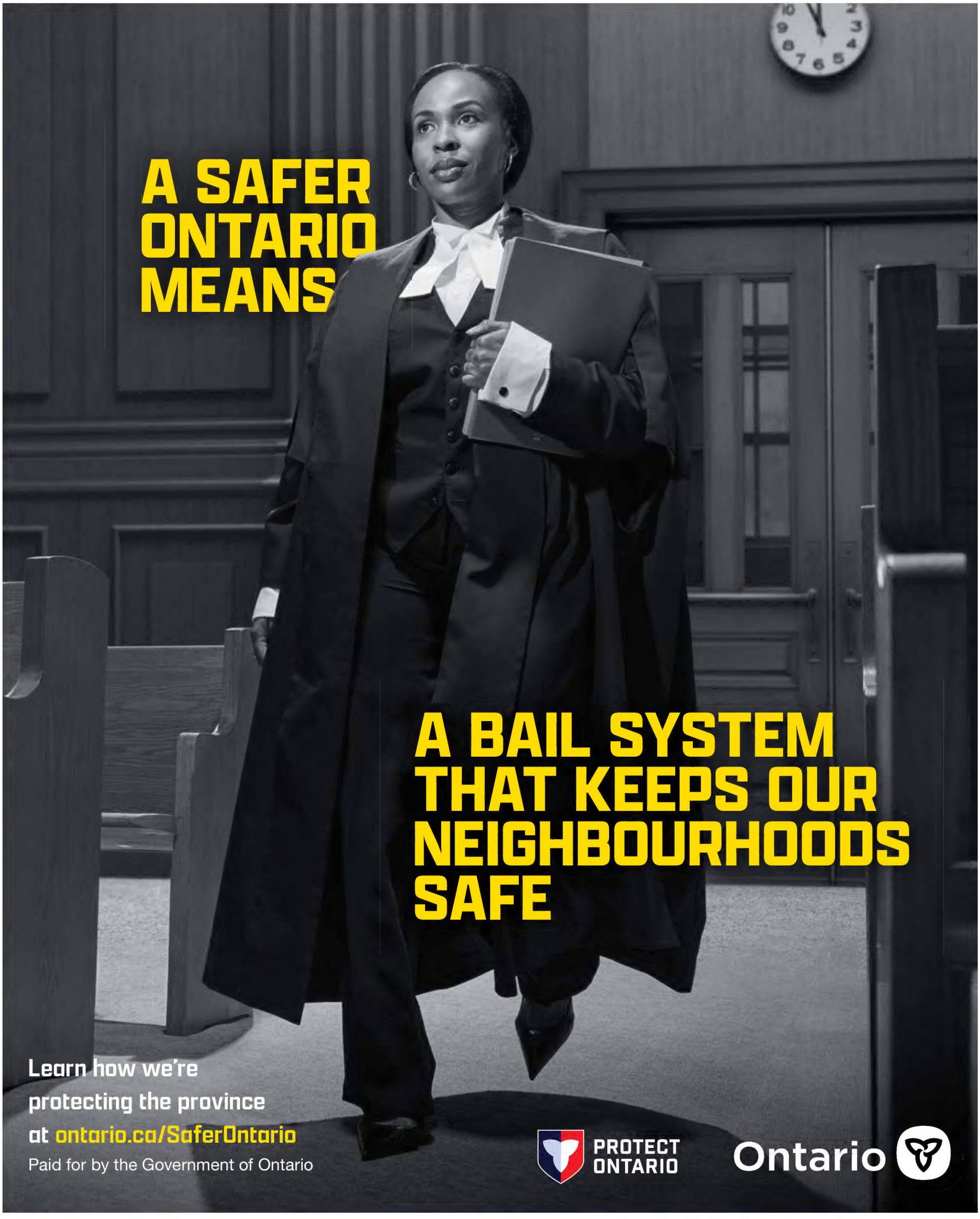
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AH deputy mayor, Jennifer Dailloux, is not running again. *Mark Reeder photo.*

Dailloux won't run for council in fall

By Lisa Gervais

Algonquin Highlands deputy mayor Jennifer Dailloux has called time on her eight-year political career, telling *The Highlander* she won't be seeking re-election in the fall.

She said her choice was to either run for mayor, or not at all; a decision she has been pondering daily for the better part of a year.

Early on, she eliminated just running as a councillor, which potentially qualifies for deputy mayor, but said, "I don't want to be one of the members of the peanut gallery, who points and says, 'if I were the mayor.' So, it was all or not.

Dailloux said she had a vision for the kind of changes she could make as head of council; such as deeper community partnerships and environmental stewardship. While "lofty," she felt she could pull it off after "hard-earned pragmatism" garnered from eight years on council.

But, "at what cost?" she asked herself.

"Throwing my 'everything' towards that vision has been very tempting. And to be honest, I think I'd be good at it. I know I would bring a lot of heart to the work. But there would be significant drawbacks. My life is rich and full; my creative life and volunteer work are extremely important to me. The reality is, these would have to be swept aside for four years if I made it to that chair. Life is so short, so precious, and I am just not willing to let them go."

Dailloux said she is at peace with her decision, but will miss the work come next fall.

"What helps is knowing there are a multitude of ways I can continue to contribute to my community, and in some respects, perhaps more directly than if I were to stay on council. I look forward to that. It's a good decision. It's the right one."

Dailloux would like to stay on the board of Point in Time, saying she is a "huge fan. I want to do more with them if they'll keep me."

She'd like to remain on the board of the Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL), but is now a council appointee.

Dailloux is also passionate about continuing her role on the board of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. "I love the work the land trust is doing. I really want to be a more active participant in their work, and just haven't had the time for it, now I will."

She is also interested in Crown land issues that have impacted Algonquin Highlands, and other parts of the County and would like to contribute in areas of water and lake health.

One of her biggest accomplishments on council was being part of the partnerships that brought the green burial section to St. Stephen's Cemetery in Algonquin Highlands, for which there was an official opening ceremony May 31.

She is also pleased with her involvement in returning a Dorset branch to the HCPL service. She said it is rare for a community to get a library back once it has closed.

Dailloux is also chuffed council has taken a more consultative approach to decision-making, using its Bang the Table platform to get public input on major projects.

The soon-to-be former councillor has another title to add to her resume; that of author. Dailloux said she is in the midst of writing a book. "It's a really important part of what I'm doing now. I've always wanted to write and I'm about 70,000 words in. The idea of that slipping away for four years is unpalatable."

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A life well-lived

By Mike Baker

News of Dysart et al mayor Murray Fearrey's sudden passing last week hit many in the community like a ton of bricks, myself – and the rest of the staff at *The Highlander* – included.

I didn't know Murray long, but he made a major impression on me. We met in spring 2022, shortly after he announced he was running again for mayor. While some were disappointed nobody ran against him, leading to acclamation, I think it was a show of respect for the work he'd done in the past. People knew they could trust him.

Murray was an old-school politician. He was ever-present at Dysart and County council, missing only two meetings between his first election in 1971 and 2018. Even this term, while battling different health issues, he showed up over and over again.

I watched last week's Dysart et al council meeting and noted Murray wasn't in his usual seat at the head of the table. He joined virtually from home. I wrote a reminder to give him a call – to check in on a few long-term township files, but also to see how he was doing.

It's safe to say nobody has had as much of an impact on Haliburton as Murray Fearrey. He chaired the fundraising campaign for the original Haliburton hospital; spent years advocating for a post-secondary institution, which eventually led to the formation of the Haliburton School of Art + Design; and played a pivotal role in attracting developers of the Gardens of Haliburton residence.

He was also responsible for securing the land now known as Head Lake Park from the Canadian National Railway Company. Murray's invisible handprints can be found all over the village.

This term, he led talks on the proposed $12-15 million expansion of the sewage treatment plant – to pave the way for more residential development within town limits. It gives hope to those currently locked out of Haliburton's housing and rental markets that there are additional units to come.

With that in mind, Murray was one of the key figures involved in negotiations to purchase 92 acres of land on County Road 21 in 2023. Once developed, that should add another 100 properties or so – maybe more – to the housing supply. There's also space for a new arena and long-term care facility.

Speaking to those who really knew him over the past week, I learned about his generous and caring nature – the countless good deeds away from the public eye. I heard about his wicked sense of humour and the glint he'd get in his eye while delivering famous one-liners.

Almost unanimously, I heard stories brimming with love and respect for a man who did so much for so many.

He would have absolutely hated this, but it's time Murray was publicly recognized. In April, deputy mayor Walt McKechnie pitched renaming the municipal building after Murray. I've also heard calls to rename Head Lake Park after him. There's also an argument to have the Haliburton hospital renamed.

There will be a visitation at Haliburton Community Funeral Home on Friday (June 5) from 1 to 4 p.m. for those who want to pay their respects and say goodbye to Dysart's greatest champion.

Well done, Terry

By Lisa Gervais

Most Haliburton County residents know Terry Moore, and are familiar with his efforts to get a green burial section in St. Stephen's Cemetery in Algonquin Highlands.

Newcomers, seasonal residents, and visitors may not know the story quite as well.

This past Sunday (May 31), the green burial section was officially opened at the picturesque cemetery by the stone church on Buckslide Road.

Terry was there with his daughters and grandchildren. His late son, Kyle, who tragically died in 2019, was also there, represented by a memorial stone. It was Kyle's passing that sent Terry, and his late wife, Shirley, on the quest.

The family did some research, learning they could lay Kyle to rest using biodegradable materials, and not embalming chemicals. They could then restore the gravesite with grasses, flowers and trees.

But one of the first barriers was that Haliburton County's four townships did not allow winter burials – so green burial wasn't an option for Kyle.

Terry and Shirley went about changing that – creating the Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society.

Terry spoke to the first Algonquin Highlands council meeting of 2019. The council was keen to set aside a part of the cemetery, pending review.

Naturally, there were delays, including the COVID-19 pandemic.

When things resumed in early 2022, the township still had concerns, such as worries they'd need additional equipment and staff training for winter burials. Moore's group organized a workshop for them.

Layers of bureaucracy began to fall, and the township came on board with an ad hoc committee.

As momentum built, other partners emerged. Haliburton School of Art + Design students built a gazebo under the watchful eye of Glenn Diezel of Diezel Woodworks. Francis Thomas Contracting supplied a large rock from its North Shore quarry. Darren Johnson of Haliburton Rock Quarry prepared it into two stones. On Sunday, Haliburton County Master Gardener, Carolyn Langdon, planted a mountain ash between the two large rocks. The group will do more planting this summer.

The section itself does not have markers. Rather, there are plaques set in the stone. As many know, the first belongs to the late Shirley Moore, who died in 2024. Her passing really sparked the council to take immediate action on winter burials.

At the ceremony, Moore spoke eloquently about the family's journey – tearing up when he talked about the inscription on Kyle's stone, which was chosen by Shirley.

It reads, "the earth has music for those who listen."

On a sunny spring Sunday, as birds chirped in the trees, and black flies and mosquitos buzzed – and as Terry's two daughters, and grandkids, Avreya and Kyle Moore-Wodham, poured water on the newly-planted mountain ash, it marked a new beginning for Haliburton County.

And with Highlands East also opening a natural burial area this year, that beginning will continue.

This is an example of how partnerships should work in a community: a member of the public sees a need; council is willing to entertain the idea; a committee is formed to progress it; and – even if it takes seven years – an idea comes to fruition.

Well done, Terry and Algonquin Highlands council.

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You may have read that an Ontario Superior Court judge has ruled that even homeless Canadians retain their Charter rights, and can't be booted out of parks when there is nowhere for them to go.

Predictably, premier Doug Ford's thuggish response was to threaten the judge with "15 encampments in his backyard."

Mr. Ford would prefer that the homeless simply disappear from sight, but the problem has gotten worse on his watch.

Some 85,000 Ontarians are now homeless, up from 50,000 under the previous Liberal government; this reflects poorly on his housing policies.

Mr. Ford wants us to hate and fear the homeless, but crime statistics show them to be much more likely the victims of physical and sexual assault than the perpetrators.

Other jurisdictions as far-flung as Finland and Japan, and as nearby as Medicine Hat, Alberta have virtually eliminated homelessness. It can be done, but Queen's Park wants to blame the homeless for their problems.

So, let's not pile on to Mr. Ford's authoritarian scapegoating and stigmatizing the weakest and most vulnerable among us. There but for the grace of God go you and I.

I urge *The Highlander* to reject this kind of hateful and divisive ad.

Tom Needham
Lake Kashagawigamog

Trying to distract us

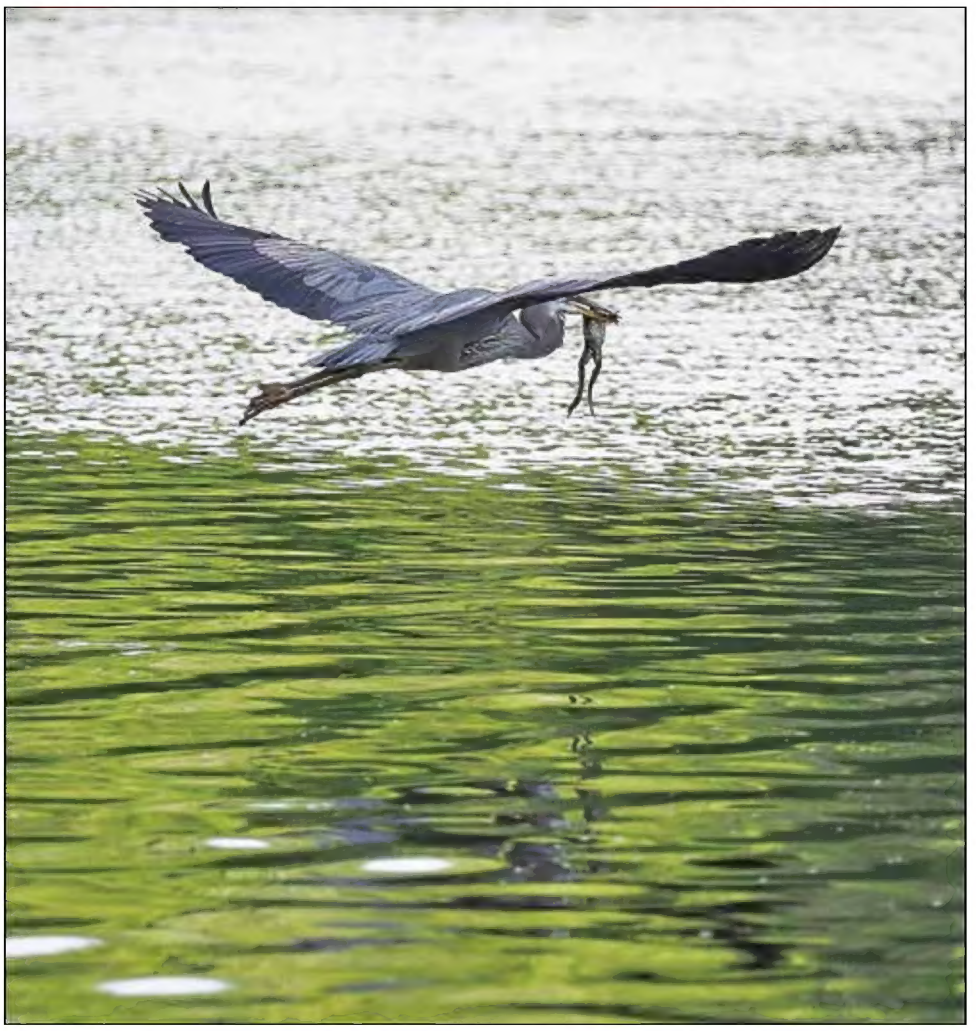
Dear editor,

I'm glad for *The Highlander* to have advertising revenue, but I'm tired of the Ford government spending so much money to tell us that spending even more money on police and jails is making us safer. Are we in some kind of violent crime crisis I didn't know about? If so, nobody has told Statistics Canada.

Where are the ads about how many houses they've built to address the housing crisis? Where are the ads about how they've brought down the cost of groceries? Where are the ads about how they're providing family doctors for everyone? You don't think they're trying to distract us, do you?

Doug Tindal
Haliburton

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Fred Pyziak captured this image of a heron successfully hunting a frog. He quipped, "one way flight across the Drag River on Blue Heron Air."

HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

Hooked by a song and a hockey game

By Susan Tromanhauser

Crazy Love led Sally Kenerson to Haliburton County - not romance, but an adjustment on the radio dial. It was a favourite song from the 70s band Poco that kept her tuned to CanoeFM. She became attached, not only to the music, but the concept of the volunteer-led station. Fifteen years later, Kenerson is one of those volunteers.

She began answering phones and before long, "was roped into being on air." She thanks Alan Watson for teaching and convincing her she could do the job. Her voice can now be heard every other Monday afternoon. She selects from the radio station's database of over 10,000 songs to create the 'Cheesy CanAm Sandwich,' a trio of songs by two Canadian and one American artist, a tribute to her Canadian residency and her American citizenship.

Kenerson arrived in Canada when Poco was heard on the radio for the first time – 1975. Her immigration story is pure Canadiana. At a Pittsburgh Penguins game, she met some fellow hockey fans from Canada who suggested she move to Ontario where there was a teacher shortage. As a recent bachelor's degree graduate, Kenerson wanted to teach, and outdoor living in Canada sounded good; but it was when they explained the free health care that she became hooked. Soon afterwards, she signed a teaching contract, and the young woman from Ohio moved to Lindsay.

Kenerson enjoyed teaching for four years, but with her student loans paid off, she decided to leave the classroom and get outside. She worked at a variety of jobs, including landscaping, a cycling store, and a surveying company; opportunities to savour the outdoor life Canada offered. She also moved further north, settling in Cavendish Township, just outside of Haliburton County. The bulk of Kenerson's working life was at a marina. While her focus was writing work orders for boat repairs and ordering parts, an office job could not keep Kenerson inside – when time allowed, she ventured outdoors to ensure the property was clean and to bail boats after a rainfall.

In her retirement, Kenerson joins neighbours dog walking, birdwatching, and takes careful notes of each day's weather. Her documentation rivals that of Environment Canada, able to confirm the reality of climate change in the area.

While Kenerson never sought Canadian citizenship, she is a true Canadian – she joined a hockey league. At 45, she attended the Tom Lawson hockey school in Whitby and became a goalie with the Victoria County women's hockey league. Kenerson modestly says she wasn't very good but "they could always depend on me to be there, and I was the one that brought refreshments."

Sally Kenerson. *Submitted*

And, now, listeners of Cheesy CanAm Sandwiches can depend upon Kenerson to bring her unique combination of Canadian/American music to the Haliburton airways. She encourages others to give it a try as Canoe is always looking for volunteers. Maybe it will be one of Kenerson's song choices that will lure the next on-air host at the station.

Remembering MURRAY FEARREY

I've known Murray all my life. We had interactions in business, politics, and personally. Murray encouraged me to get involved in politics, and after a little persuasion, I finally jumped in. That's when I realized how much heart and soul he put into Dysart et al and Haliburton County. The man put so much time into the job it really was just unbelievable. We both thought of ourselves as somewhat historians of Dysart, and we would have a little fun calling out old names of places, such as Fox's Corner, the real Grass Lake, and Minister's Point. Some of our colleagues would ask, "where the hell are you guys talking about?" In the end, his body gave out. But his heart, soul, mind, and love for Dysart never did. I will miss him.
Barry Boice, Dysart et al councillor

It is very, very rare to find someone so devoted and focused on the well-being of a community for so long. I, and we, are fortunate and grateful for time spent with him over the last term in council - and through his leadership and examples of how council could better understand processes, solve problems, and keep Dysart and Haliburton County going in a positive direction. He will be missed, no question, and I'm thankful for lessons learned over the years, both in and out of council, and looking forward to finishing off a few projects he started as of late and continuing on building Haliburton as he would've liked it. Thank you, Murray, for your hard work and dedication to the betterment and stability of the community. It's what the world needs more of.
Pat Casey, Dysart et al councillor

Murray Fearrey's passing is such a profound loss for our community. Serving alongside him on council has been such a privilege. His dedication to our municipality was evident in every decision he made, including the last week of his life, showing up for Dysart council on Tuesday and County council on Wednesday before passing Thursday. He was with us until the very end, always prioritizing what was best for the community. When I first got on council in 2014, his main piece of advice was 'we are going to have to make decisions that not everybody likes and you have to be OK with that because it's for the betterment of the community as a whole.' Murray had an extraordinary vision and worked tirelessly to foster growth and unity among us. He was not just a mayor; he was a mentor and friend to many. As we mourn his loss, let us also celebrate his legacy by continuing to work towards the betterment of our community, just as he would have wanted.
Tammy Donaldson, Dysart et al councillor

I didn't know Murray for long, but when I started on council in 2022, he took me, and all the other first-timers, under his wing. He was a great mentor and really tried to teach us a lot. I can't thank him enough for that. He was always a people person and went out of his way to help whoever he could. Being involved in so many things, he was our Encyclopedia. There's so much that man knew and we're really going to miss that knowledge. He truly was Haliburton's best ambassador and will be sorely missed.
Carm Sawyer, Dysart et al councillor

Who was Murray Fearrey to me? He was a friend. I sat with Murray at a council table for 14 years. Learning from him, being supported by him. He maintained and encouraged a common sense and fair approach. He encouraged that in all councillors; to be part of a team. He had foresight of the ever-emerging needs of the municipality, its residents and visitors and constantly strived to meet those needs in a fiscally-responsible manner. There isn't a part of Dysart where his touch wasn't felt. Early in my first term, he told me, 'you learn a lot about people by observing and listening.' Ain't that the truth. I will greatly miss our chats, whether it was municipal business or about life. He was also a great friend to my father and all who knew him.
Nancy Wood-Roberts, Dysart et al councillor

I had the privilege of working closely with Murray for 25 years and I can say, without a doubt, he embodied the very best of what it means to be a dedicated, professional and compassionate human being. From the moment we met, Murray brought expertise, enthusiasm and creativity that elevated Haliburton County to new heights. What set Murray apart was his unwavering commitment to excellence and his ability to bring out the best in those around him. He was a natural leader, always ready to lend a hand, share his knowledge, and guide others towards success. His patience, kindness and genuine interest in growth made him a beloved mayor. I recall countless instances where Murray went above and beyond the call of duty. Whether it was staying late to meet a tight deadline, taking on additional responsibilities to ensure a project's success, or simply being there to offer words of encouragement, Murray has been a constant source of support and inspiration. He has been a driving force behind Haliburton's success. His legacy will live on through the countless lives he's touched and projects he brought to fruition. His presence will be sorely missed and we are all better for having known him. I'll carry the lessons you taught me and memories we've shared always.
Dave Burton, Haliburton County warden

I first met Murray when I was working at the *County Voice*. He came up to me and said, 'I really like the things that you've got to say', and he handed me a card with his cell phone number on it and said 'call me anytime' and he's been like that with me ever since. He's been very supportive of me as a member of council and as an individual. I just can't say enough about the loss to the County and all the things he's done. We've all had our moments when we agreed to disagree, but no one has done more for this County than Murray Fearrey.
Liz Danielsen, mayor of Algonquin Highlands

Murray and I led the finance committee for the County. Over the years, as we discussed the budgets, he always put a focus on how each decision was going to impact the lives of the people of Haliburton. What I witnessed was that to Murray, public service meant caring for people. Leadership is choosing the options that are the best for your constituents and Murray was a leader. I learned from him and I will miss him.
Bob Carter, mayor Minden Hills

I was deeply saddened to hear of Murray's passing. Murray was more than a mayor; he was a mentor. His guidance helped many of us better understand the responsibilities of public service and the importance of putting community first. He was never afraid to vote the way he believed was right, even if it meant voting alone. Murray taught that leadership is not about titles or recognition, it is about listening, working hard, and making decisions that serve the greater good. His wisdom, patience and willingness to support others will continue to influence those who had the privilege of learning from him. Murray's legacy will be remembered not only through his many years of service, but through the people he inspired along the way. I'm going to miss working with him.
Lisa Schell, Minden Hills deputy mayor

Murray was all pragmatism and no nonsense, but he was also kind. His points at County council made sense. They were rooted in his knowledge and experience. He never spoke just for the sake of speaking, nor did he raise points he could not substantiate. I valued that so much in him. From time to time, he would call me after council just to say, 'you know what, I like what you said back there. I'm glad you said it,' and I was always so touched that he would take the time to do that. I will miss Murray. I will miss his company, his smiling eyes, his pragmatism and his heart.
Jennifer Dailloux, Algonquin Highlands deputy mayor

I knew Murray for about 15 years. I found him to be easy to get along with in a strange way because he was onery – if he didn't like what you were saying, he just cut anything short. At the end of the day, it was never personal. You either agreed to disagree, or you compromised, or Murray won. That said, he could change his mind. He also had a dry sense of humour. I'm pretty sure that when Murray pulled down his shorts, he had Dysart tattooed on his butt because he was the most avid champion for his municipality.
Cec Ryall, deputy mayor of Highlands East

My sincere condolences to Donna and family on Murray's passing. Murray was a significant mentor to me, even if he may not have known it. We didn't always see things the same way, but I learned a tremendous amount from him. He was strategic, practical, solution-focused, and often several steps ahead in his thinking. He had a terrific sense of humour and a deeply caring side. Many may not realize how much he quietly did for individuals, organizations, and community projects outside of his public role. He never did those things for attention or accolades … he genuinely wanted to help. Murray was a giant in the history of Haliburton County. His commitment to community was extraordinary, and his name, his work, and legacy will live on.
Carol Moffatt, former mayor of Algonquin Highlands

Murray gave his life to serve the people, and his legacy will live on. I learned so much from him when we worked together – his ability to listen to constituents, the way he could move an important project forward, and how he was able to work with other councillors and staff. He will be missed by so many.
Andrea Roberts, former Dysart et al mayor

Murray Fearrey was a kind-hearted man who cared deeply about this community. Whether you agreed with his decisions or not, he respected open debate and differing perspectives. I first got to know Murray when I started at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. He was instrumental in helping secure the transformational support needed to bring a CT scanner to our community. Murray understood the community-wide impact that investment would have on our collective health and he was right. I have tremendous respect for the late mayor. His legacy will live on through the strong community bonds he built over generations.
Melanie Klodt Wong. HHHSF executive director

It is with profound sadness that I learned of the passing of my friend and longtime community leader, Murray Fearrey. His leadership, compassion, and integrity left an indelible mark on our community. Whether at the municipal or County level, he always put residents first and worked tirelessly to make our area a better place for everyone. Beyond his remarkable service, I will personally miss Murray's friendship, his wise counsel, and his genuine commitment to the people he served. He was a steadfast leader and a true gentleman. On behalf of my team and myself, I extend our deepest condolences to Donna, his family, friends, colleagues, and all those who had the honour of knowing him. Murray's legacy of service will continue to inspire us for years to come.
MP Jamie Schmale

Over more than five decades of public service, Murray played an important role in shaping Dysart and the County. I always felt he had a strong understanding of the bigger picture – where the community was, where it could go, and the opportunities and challenges that came with growth and change. What also stood out to me was his curiosity and willingness to engage with people. He was always looking for input, ideas and conversation, and seemed genuinely interested in understanding what was happening across the community.
Gena Robertson, SIRCH Community Services

I always enjoyed my interviews with Murray. He was straightforward, always provided context, and was always honest in his views. Outside of CanoeFM, we had many opportunities to discuss challenges and opportunities, and I was always better for those chats.
Mike Jaycock

Excellence means going the extra mile for your community, striving to be better than you were yesterday, and uplifting and improving the lives of those around you. Murray lived a life defined by this and so much more. I always knew Murray prioritized the welfare of our students and partnered seamlessly with our programs in all of our schools. I knew him as a leader who worked selflessly for the betterment of Dysart et al and the entire County. He has left behind a profound legacy that will be remembered and honoured for generations to come. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to partner with him and be his friend.
Gary Brohman, TLDSB trustee

We were introduced to Murray by Andy Campbell in 2018 when we were looking for another location for a Gardens retirement residence. We had lunch with Murray and his key staff. Murray's support and guidance was the catalyst that pulled the deal together. We continued to fill the residence and built an addition a few years later. We always consulted with Murray on municipal issues, and his sage advice always rang true. Murray was the 'salt of the earth' as a Canadian politician and will be remembered as such with his warm and friendly manner. Murray will be missed and his legacy will live on.
Bill and Phil Mardimae, Gardens of Haliburton

I was privileged to know Murray as a dedicated leader of Dysart et and as a next-door neighbour for more than 20 years. Murray was reeve/mayor for almost all of my time as a lawyer in Haliburton. In that capacity, there were two things you could rely on. First, his unwavering dedication to the fiscal/financial health of the municipality, and not the least, his trusted word for the wellbeing of the residents of Haliburton. If Murray promised to do his best when a concept was put forth, I knew he would research not only the present proposal, but that his years of wisdom would be a trusted input for the best interest of us all. I always admired, but not envied, his dedication to our residents and often would be amazed that people would come to see him at home on off-hours and weekends. He would always answer the call. As a neighbour, Murray was always more than willing to share equally in the maintenance of homes and the access road which we shared. Murray was kind and faithful and we both knew that whatever the need, we could count on each other to be 'neighbourly' in the old-fashioned Haliburton understanding of going above and beyond. A very good and gentle man is gone but his foundation work for friends, neighbours and constituents will live on.
Ray Selbie

I was saddened to learn of Murray's passing last week. Throughout his historic decades-long commitment to the community, he served in many elected roles and dedicated countless volunteer hours to numerous organizations. In fact, he once served alongside my father, Bill Scott. I would like to extend my condolences to his family, friends and the community he served.
MPP - Laurie Scott

Murray and I were business partners for 30 years and friends much longer. He had a great sense of humour, was always in good spirits, and a great listener. In any partnership there are always disagreements and different points of view, but I think what made Murray such a fine business partner and even better politician was his willingness to listen to others and flexibility to change his view if he felt yours was better than his. I will always value the many times after work having some social time. I feel very fortunate for having known Murray as both a work partner and a friend.
Jim Scheffee, Haliburton Timber Mart

I worked with Murray since the early 1990s at the County. He was a one-of-a-kind leader and believed strongly in everything he pursued. We had a very open and honest working relationship over the years and worked well together to problem solve and create solutions. The memories that are popping up for me this week are not municipal decisions, but rather things like him dressing up to act the part of the Frost Fest ambassador; getting suited with a top hat and period clothing to replicate historical photos of a past council on the Emmerson Dam; or getting his make-up done to participate in the zombie walk with Donna.
Tamara Wilbee, Dysart CAO

Murray and I were very close in our younger years. My parents and his parents were very close. We were visiting each other every day, almost. My mom and dad would go down to his mom and dad and spend the evening. Murray was three years younger than me. We'd go down in the marsh by Barnum Creek with jars and collect fireflies. We'd come back and be so proud of our little lanterns. We'd release them, of course. Every time Murray phoned me in these last few years…he would always mention the fireflies."
Bill Gliddon, Murray's first cousin

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Just the Highlands

The Haliburton landfill will be the only location in Dysart et al accepting construction and demolition waste through summer. *File.*

DYSART ET AL NEWS

Landfill changes

Dysart et al is permanently discontinuing construction and demolition (C&D) waste services at the Harcourt landfill, with drop off also halting at West Guilford through summer.

That leaves the Haliburton landfill as the lone facility in the township accepting C&D materials.

The township's environmental manager, Ashley Dembinski, told council May 26 the changes, which she recommended, came from recent site assessments by consultant JP2G, which has been overseeing waste disposal site activities in Dysart for years.

"At Harcourt… it's a spacing issue. Materials [are left] on the ground as we're not landfilling there anymore. We had the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks come up and they didn't like the fact there was waste mixed with [C&D] material," Dembinski said.

The West Guilford site won't accept C&D waste between July 3 and Sept. 29 to allow a final cover to be applied to the landfill, which maxed out in 2022. To offset that closure, Dembinski proposed operating the Haliburton site six day a week to accommodate local contractors. She said 74 contractors used the West Guilford location for C&D drop off last summer.

Ward 3 coun. Tammy Donaldson said the news would not go over well in Harcourt, noting the Haliburton site is an hour drive for some contractors in her area. Coun. Pat Casey asked about a standalone C&D transfer site, but public works manager Rob Camelon said that wasn't in his department's plans.

"With the logistics of C&D, they are smaller volumes. We're not obligated to accept C&D waste, we do it as a service. It's just one more thing we have to handle and truck out," Camelon said.

Other changes approved this week include: ceasing accepting empty oil containers in Harcourt; applying a final cover at the Kennisis Lake site once the West Guilford cover has been completed; remove a beaver dam at West Guilford and replace damaged well monitors.

Downtown update

Camelon said he's hoping the sidewalk replacement along Highland Street in Haliburton's downtown wraps by late June.

He told council work is progressing well, with contractors expected to complete the south side of the street, which houses businesses like Delancey Sports and Kosy Korner, by the end of this week. Work will then begin on the north side.

The public works director also told council replacement of the Green Lake Road bridge has been completed, with the road now reopen. Work will begin on the Barry Line bridge July 17, with Camelon hoping to have that project finished by the end of October.

Goose problem

Deputy mayor Walt McKechnie wants the township to do something about an increased presence of geese around Head Lake, noting "we've got to resolve this for our community."

That came after an update from programs and events manager, Andrea Mueller, who said the township has tried numerous things to lower the goose population over the past 15 years.

"Approximately 15 years ago, Dysart hired Leora Berman to help. Back then, there were up to 400 geese or more gathering along the boardwalk area, between the traffic lights at the high school and Head Lake Park," Mueller said.

Berman installed buffers along the boardwalk that deterred geese from congregating, while also applying goose tape along the shoreline to prevent nesting. Since then, the shoreline has been renaturalized, making it difficult for geese to nest there.

Mueller said the problem now seems to be during migration season – when the geese return in spring and leave again in the fall. Through summer, she said they look for open grassy areas where they can see the water. A problem site has been the playground area in Head Lake Park. She proposed installing goose tape along the shoreline near the playground and by the bandshell.

Coun. Pat Casey asked about getting a permit to control the goose population – because Canada Geese are protected under federal law, eliminating them requires specific approval from Environment and Climate Change Canada.

"We're not trying to be cruel, but geese are kind of like mice. They're cute to look at, but they're a pest," he said.

Coun. Carm Sawyer noted Pinestone Resort secured a permit to kill eight geese per week, noting it's made "a big difference" there. Mueller said she would investigate and get back to council. *(Dysart et al news compiled by Mike Baker)*

It's nicer here

Highlander people

Second World War survivor Jim Neville holds a family photo after speaking to students about living in London during the Blitz. *Photo by Adam Frisk.*

Blitz survivor brings history to Hal High

By Adam Frisk
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The library at Hal High became a living history museum when Second World War survivor Jim Neville spoke to students about living through the 1940 London Blitz.

The 87-year-old provided students a rare glimpse of what life was like for a child living during Nazi Germany's bombing campaign, explaining that the reality of war was often found in "the little stuff" that wasn't really detailed in history textbooks.

While the British government successfully evacuated about one million children from London in 1940, Neville's family chose to stay behind. According to the Guelph, Ont., resident, many of the displaced children struggled to adapt, with the majority returning to the capital within a year due to friction with host families or a hatred for country life.

Neville explained that rural displacement was a major disruption for families living in the cities, recounting how his own grandparents openly detested being relocated to the edge of the countryside in Roehampton from where they lived for so long, opposite the Fulham Gas Works.

"They hated it there because, A, there was no pubs close by, and B, they didn't have any gas smell," Neville said.

To pass the evenings between air raids, Neville said his family relied on storytelling to keep spirits high. But the destructive reality of the Blitz was nearly impossible to escape, to the point where the sensory memories remain sharp to this day.

"The street behind us was completely destroyed," Neville recalled. "Looking out the back door, I can still see those flames going into the sky and bits of debris that were being lifted by the hot air."

Asked what the city smelled like, his answer was simple: "Smoke and fire."

Neville explained that surviving the war meant finding routine amid chaos. He and his classmates continued to play during daylight hours.

"The kids I went to school with, we used to play in the street together, typical kids' games," he said.

A shift occurred late in the war with the arrival of American GIs, Neville said, explaining his neighbours befriended the soldiers, leading to a massive post-war care package from the United States.

"A couple of them sent us a great big parcel of marbles, chewing gum, candy," he said. "Because you couldn't get any of that stuff. Well, candy and sugar were rationed right up until 1953."

Neville has been speaking with students for a few years now, after a casual dinner conversation with his grandson, Jake, sparked the idea to share his memories.

As firsthand accounts of the war become increasingly rare, Neville said he hopes that his stories inspire students to look beyond textbook facts.

"I just hope it makes them a little interested in learning more about the history of the war, and our country, and Britain," he said. "And just to be a little bit more aware of what's going on in the world as well... to form their own sort of opinions about it." June 6 is D-Day, the anniversary of the Normandy landings.

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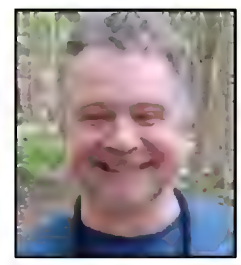
Fitting in or forcing out?



By Simon Payn

I'm taking care of a landscape I planted for a client last fall. I recently paid one of my regular visits to see how it's doing.

It's full of green texture. The plants had enjoyed the chance to grow their roots in the autumn, so they were all bigger. Some were even flowering.

But I found myself on my hands and knees, weeding. There were about 30 beautiful plants – thick, bold leaves and white, fragrant flowers. All these glorious specimens had to go because they were lily of the valley.

These plants were doing exactly what they're supposed to do. Just not here.

Lily of the valley isn't native to North America – it's from Europe and parts of Asia. And back home, it simply fits in. The rest of the community keeps it in check because it has co-evolved with everything else. It has other plants that compete with it for sunlight, moisture and food.

But here, nothing is pushing back because nothing evolved to push back. Other plants don't know how to keep it in check, and animals don't eat it – it's toxic to most of them.

A contained patch of invasives seems fine, as long as we realize we're fighting a constant battle to maintain that containment.

Quieter

What was left after the lily of the valley was removed? There was the matrix of rosy sedge, which had enjoyed the chance in fall to put down some roots. It had grown bigger since the snow melted.

There were Canada violets that had begun to produce white flowers with pink streaks. There was early meadowrue, which had put out tall stems with delicate, green blooms. The ferns were there – unfurled, full of texture. The zig-zag goldenrod was bigger than it was in the fall, with fatter toothed leaves.

All these plants were doing what they should be doing. None was as dramatic as the lily of the valley – none had thick, wide foliage and there were no fragrant white flowers. They were quieter plants but they were doing just fine.

Boundaries

Most client sites I visit have a patch of what gardeners might call invasive plants. Periwinkle under the trees, goutweed covering the ground. This patch seems stable and well-enough behaved so I don't ask my clients to rip these plants out. Removing invasives would be best practice but I'm not here to force people to remove something they might love.

But in an ecological planting, where I'm trying to set up a web of harmonious relationships in which every plant benefits every other plant and benefits the wider world of nature, a species that forces out rather than fits in just won't work.

A contained patch of invasives seems fine, as long as we realize we're fighting a constant battle to maintain that containment. We're committing to keeping a boundary firm, year after year.

The work

The current owner of this cottage probably didn't plant the lily of the valley. It was something they inherited.

A previous resident likely added this plant years ago because it covered the ground, stopping weeds from taking root. It was sold at the nursery as a beautiful and practical option so they bought it. But every plant we add is a legacy we leave.

After about 30 minutes weeding, I was finished. The bed looked more sparse – there were fewer leaves and more mulch. But it was exactly where it should be, after its first winter and spring in the ground. It was slowly establishing, finding its place.

A few feet away was the patch of lily of the valley, doing what it should be doing, too.

And I'll be back in a few weeks doing the work I do.

Simon Payn owns Grounded, which designs, installs and cares for ecological landscapes in Haliburton County. Visit groundedgardens.ca.

Highlander sports

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Roof repairs refresh Minden Curling Club

By Mike Baker

The Minden Curling Club is getting a significant upgrade after securing a $180,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

The money, secured in 2025, has been used to re-insulate the walls and ceiling of the rink, located at 50 Prentice St., beside S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. It's the first major upgrade the facility has seen in some time and has been described as a "gamechanger" by the club's ice technician, John Sexton. He said it will maintain the integrity of the ice surface.

MPP Laurie Scott was at the curling club May 23 to tour the facility. She learned from Dwight Thomas, club president, how the investment would help extend the life of the curling club and improve energy efficiency.

"Curling clubs are at the heart of many rural communities, bringing people together across generations for recreation, competition and connection," Scott said. "Through this $180,000 OTF grant, the Minden Curling Club… can ensure the sound of curling stones and community laughter continues to fill the rink for years to come."

The work was carried out by Muskoka Spray Foam out of Burks Falls. It required removing metal wall panels, which exposed insulation that was almost 50 years old, said club member Tracy Gualberto. She said some sections of the removed insulation were soaking wet from leaks in the rink's roof. The roof area was also home to a huge bird's nest, she said.

MPP Laurie Scott and Minden Curling Club executives Dwight Thomas and Tracy Gualberto. *Photo submitted.*

After patching up the roof in 2025, Minden Hills township, which owns the building, committed to a full replacement this year. Public works director Mike Timmins, last year, pegged the cost at around $177,000.

Thomas said the club's primary goal is to provide an important source of recreation to its members. It has around 240 local players annually.

While play has shut down for the season, the facility will be used for pickleball, shuffleboard and cornhole this summer. It will also be open for the Haliburton County Fair June 13 and the Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild show June 19 and 20.

To learn more about the club, visit www.mindencurlingclub.com.

Walking to build wells

Help a Village Effort (H.A.V.E) brought its annual Walk for Water back to Haliburton County May 27. Now in its 44th year, the organization raises awareness of, and funding for, clean water in impoverished villages in India. Since 1982, H.A.V.E has built artesian wells, averaging 15 to 25 per year. The walk began at Highland Hills United Church, along the Minden Riverwalk, completing a two-and-a-half-kilometre journey that symbolizes the trek that women and children make daily in India to get clean drinking water for their families. While the charity is based in Haliburton County, it has official chapters in Newfoundland and British Columbia. For more information, visit helpavillageeffort.org.

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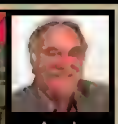

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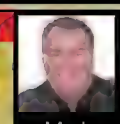

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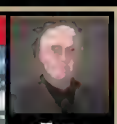

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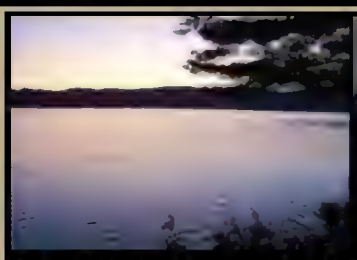

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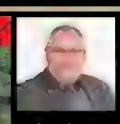

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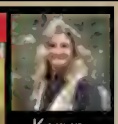

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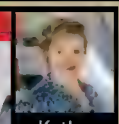

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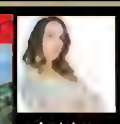

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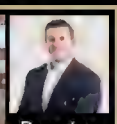

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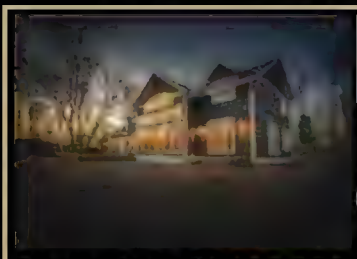

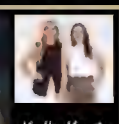

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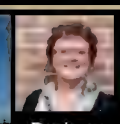

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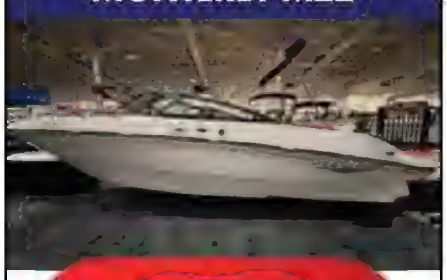

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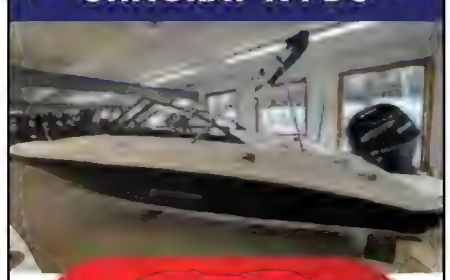

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Highlander events

Show us what you've got

The Arts Council – Haliburton Highlands is currently hosting its 2026 members' exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. There was a show-opening Saturday (May 30). The mixed-media exhibit features work from more than 40 visual artists from the Haliburton Highlands. It runs until July 18.

Top left: Janet Bradley and Janice Archer check out a work by Anne Bailey. Bottom left: Ian Dickson examines a Harvey Walker painting. Right: Victoria Bastable talks about her work; Milk and Cookies. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

HALIBURTON COUNTY FAIR

Minden Fairgrounds

June 13th, 2026

PRESENTED BY THE MINDEN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY *SINCE 1864*

EVENTS

8:30am	Fairgrounds open
8:30am	Light Horse Show
9am – 5pm	Vendors, Artisans
9am – 11am	Re/Max Balloon Rides (weather permitting)
10am – 2pm	Pockets Face Painting
10am	Chainsaw Artist
10am	Pony Pulls
11am – 4pm	Zoo to You
11am – 4pm	Little Stirrups
3pm	Auction
3:30pm	Horse Pulls (follows auction)

Times Subject to Change

CURLING CLUB

Open 9am-5pm

Exhibits

Displays

Demonstrations

Vendors

MAIN STAGE

LIVE MUSIC

1pm – 5pm

Mike Pollard

Cara Smith

Too Country

FOOD & DRINK

- Beer Tent – Hosted by Mulligans
- Elliott's Chunky Fries – Elliot's Catering
- Minden Agricultural Society Food Booth – Open All Day

Beef on the Bun

THINGS TO DO THROUGHOUT THE DAY

- Brick Fun Zone - Lego
- Hereford Cattle Exhibit
- Minden Agricultural Society 50/50 Draw
- Dalrymple Rabbitry
- Kawartha Dairy Ice Cream
- Smokey the Bear + Ministry of Natural Resources
- Bouncy Castle – Air Bounce Adventures
- Farmers Association
- Paint The Bus
- O.P.P., Minden Fire Department, EMS
- Haliburton Rotary Club Draw SUV Tickets
- Fur Harvester

ADMISSION

Adults: $10

Kids ages 6-12: $5

Kids 5 & under: Free

All kids events included in admission

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- Sunscreen/Hat
- Cash (limited vendor debit/credit)

CAMPING

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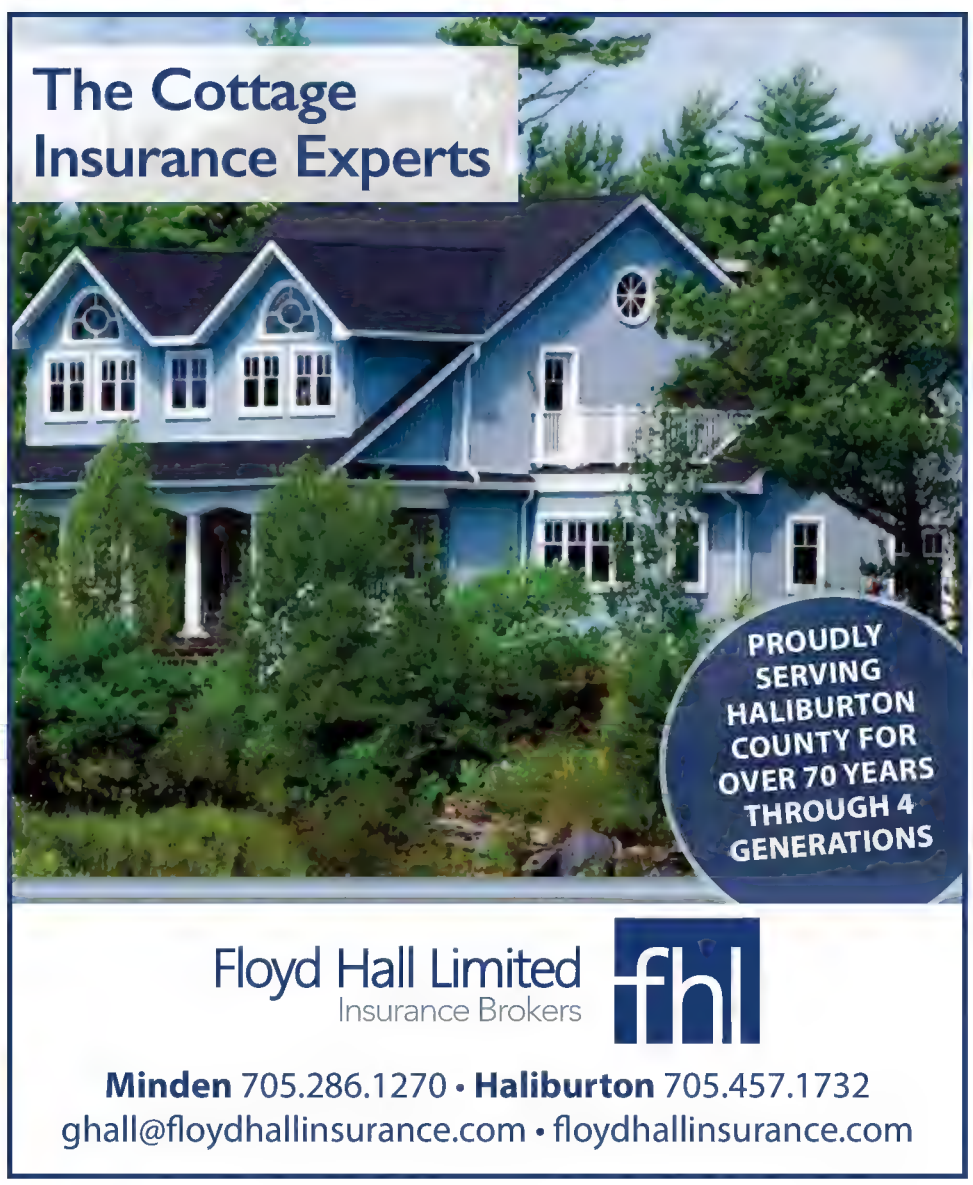
Arrival: Thursday, June 11 – 8:30am

Departure: Sunday, June 14 – 11am

Highlander events

Home show success

The Haliburton Home and Cottage Show wrapped up a busy weekend at AJ LaRue Arena & Haliburton Curling Club, with more than 150 vendors and businesses showcasing their services and products. The three-day event featured free demonstrations, a raffle draw and free face painting. The show wrapped up Sunday afternoon. *Photos by Adam Frisk.*



What's on

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Wheely great program

Haliburton Rotary has relaunched its bike share program in Haliburton village for another season. The bikes are free to use by anyone 18 and older and can be unlocked with a smart phone and credit card. Volunteer Irv Handler noted cards will only be charged if bikes are lost, stolen or damaged. There are six bikes available to rent for up to three hours, located in Head Lake Park in front of the bicycle caboose, which has also recently reopened. The bikes can be signed out during daylight hours, currently between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. The program will remain in place through to Thanksgiving. Handler said this year the bike share is running as part of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative. Bicycle caboose volunteer Pamela Marsales said the space is open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. She said a program schedule, including activities for youth, will be released soon. *(Mike Baker)*

Above: Haliburton Rotary's Irv Handler poses beside the bikes, now available to be signed out at Head Lake Park. *Photo by Adam Frisk.*

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Rallying around rhubarb

SIRCH hosted its annual rally for rhubarb last week in Haliburton in support of the non-profit's community kitchen programs. County residents who may have had extra rhubarb growing in their gardens were asked to consider donating it to SIRCH during this year's collection days. While technically a vegetable, SIRCH said the donated rhubarb "will be transformed into homemade fruit servings and comforting desserts through SIRCH's community kitchen program, helping provide thousands of nutritious meals to seniors, families, and individuals experiencing food insecurity across Haliburton County."

Right: Food security coordinator Joanne Paquin is pictured with donated rhubarb on May 28. *Photo by Adam Frisk.*

What's on

Everybody has a story

By Lisa Gervais

A number of years ago, Susan Tromanhauser came across a website called Humans of New York (HONY).

HONY is a massively popular photoblog and storytelling platform created by photographer Brandon Stanton in 2010. What started as an attempt to photograph 10,000 random New Yorkers has evolved into a global phenomenon, featuring intimate portraits and deeply personal anecdotes from everyday people across the globe.

Tromanhauser loved how each post featured not only a candid street portrait, but quotes or short stories from the subjects, ranging from humorous and quirky to profoundly heartbreaking and inspiring.

"I thought it was fascinating because it was regular people telling their stories and everybody had a different story," Tromanhauser told *The Highlander* in a recent interview.

The former freelance writer for regional magazines in the Niagara Region, who made the County her full-time home during COVID, thought, "I could do this here."

She then began pondering where the stories might be published and sent an email to *The Highlander,* to see if the paper was interested in running a Humans of Haliburton Highlands column. It was. Fast forward to 2026, and Tromanhauser recently published a collection of those columns in book form. She will be launching it at Corner Gallery, at 123 Maple Ave., Haliburton on June 6.

She said another motivator for launching the column was that even though she had been coming to the family cottage in Algonquin Highlands for 30 years, she didn't know a lot of locals.

"Saying that I have a column gave me permission to go up to people and ask them questions," she quipped.

"Because everybody I meet does have a story."

Tromanhauser is out and about and not afraid to approach complete strangers at events. She'll strike up a conversation. When she gets a response, she'll mention her column and ask if the person wouldn't mind being interviewed. She said that 80 per cent of the time, the subject says 'yes', although inevitably "everybody says 'I don't have anything to say. I don't have a story'." However, they usually do. She has

Susan Tromanhauser with her book. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

some standard questions, such as where people are from, and how they came to be in the Highlands, why they stay, anything they miss about elsewhere. "Somewhere in those questions, it goes in a different direction."

She said writing the column gives her a sense of accomplishment. So has publishing her first-ever book. "Because I do like to write, and I like to have a purpose to write. So, it gives me a purpose and it gives me a deadline."

She is also conscious of her subjects, saying, "I'm hoping when they read it in the paper, they feel a sense of accomplishment in what they've done. Because sometimes people are too busy living their lives, they don't see it."

She recalls how her love of writing came in Grade 2 when the students were introduced to new words. They were shown a photo and had to write a story using those words. Tromanhauser loved it. "I could not wait… since then, I've always wanted to write a book."

She also takes part in a writers' group organized by Sue Reynolds of Stone's Throw Publications. Lots of authors were talking about publishing and she thought, "if they can do it, why not me?"

The launch will be from 1-3 p.m. There will be a Q and A with Tromanhauser followed by mingling and snacks.

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PUBLIC NOTICE: CHANGES TO THE TOWNSHIP'S FEES AND CHARGES BY-LAW

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2026, during its Regular Council Meeting regarding proposed changes of the Township's Fees and Charges By-law to:

- Schedule A – Building
- Schedule I – Environment Water, Sewer, and Landfill

The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON. Details of proposed changes will be made available in the coming week.

For more information, please visit our website.

Dated this 28th Day of May 2026.

Zach Drinkwalter
Director of Finance
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REGISTER TO VOTE!

Confirm you are on the Voters List! The next municipal election will be held on Monday, October 26, 2026. To register and/or confirm your information visit the Elections Ontario Register Voter Portal www.registertovoteon.ca/

PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Looking to apply for an Entrance or Wide Load Permit? Visit our website www.mindenhills.ca/entranceandwideloadpermits/ for more information.

MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE

- The 2026 Members' Exhibition of the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands will be on display until July 18. The exhibition is presented in partnership with the Art in Public Spaces Committee of the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, and Fielding Estate Winery.
- Museum of Her, a new exhibition by artist Michèle Karch-Ackerman will be on display in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery (Kirkwood Room) until July 18. The Artist Talk is scheduled for Saturday, June 6 at 1:00 PM.
- Miijim: Traditional Foods of the Anishinaabeg, on loan from The MUSE: Lake of the Woods Museum in Kenora, was created in partnership between MUSE, Iskatewizaagegan No. 39 Independent First Nation, and the Natural Resources Institute of the University of Manitoba. The exhibit focuses on miijim - food - and its importance to the body, mind, soul, and heart of the Anishinaabeg. The exhibit will be on display at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre until August 29.
- Join us on Friday, June 5 for PA Day fun! Tour the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village, and Nature's Place, and stay for a free movie screening of Finding Nemo (2003) at 1:00 PM. Light refreshments will be provided.
- The Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village, and Nature's Place is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm! Stop by Fridays at 11 am for the Toddler Discover Zone, and Saturdays at 11 am for Hands-On activities!

For information on all the programs and exhibits offered at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre: culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763.

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - COMMUNITY-WIDE AFFORDABILITY AND GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE STUDY

Take Notice there will be a Special Meeting of Council held Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 1:00 PM in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

The Special Council Meeting is being held for a facilitated session with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) to gather Council's input for the Community-wide Affordability and Governance Structure Study."

The Special Council meeting will be conducted via web conference and in-person. Please visit our website for further details.

COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and with electronic participation. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- June 11 – Regular Council Meeting
- June 18 – Special Council Meeting
- June 25 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link.

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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Office open 9 a.m. to noon, clubroom closed.
Tuesdays: Cadets after school starts at 5 p.m., meeting starts at 6 p.m. Games and cards night starting at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Darts league 7 p.m. start.
Wednesdays: Office and clubroom closed
Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month, March to December; ladies auxiliary meeting last Thursday of the month, February to November.
Fridays: Meat draw, five draws, five prize each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets are $2 per draw; fun darts at 4:30 p.m. onwards; 50/50 draw at 5 p.m., tickets are $1 and available in the clubroom.
Saturdays: Open only for special events
Clubroom hours: Monday closed; Tuesday 5-9 p.m.; Wednesday closed; Thursday 3-6 p.m., Friday 3-7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday closed.

Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden

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Third **Thursday** of the month is the executive meeting at 7 p.m. and general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Third **Sunday** of the month is the ladies auxiliary meeting.

EVENTS

June 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rally for Rhubarb returns to support kitchen programs at SIRCH Community Services. If you have extra rhubarb growing in your garden, consider donating to SIRCH during this year's collection days. Also running June 5. Donations can be dropped off at the SIRCH Bistro at 49 Maple Ave. It will be turned into homemade fruit servings and desserts for people experiencing food insecurity.

June 5, 3 to 5 p.m. Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning (FEEL) is hosting its annual general meeting at The Link in Haliburton. Following the meeting there will be a presentation from Steve Lukacic who will talk about sustainable living and self-reliance, exploring food as medicine and ways to reconnect with health and nature. All are welcome.

June 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Snowflake Meadows is hosting a 'magical festival fundraiser' at its location at 1089 Ritchie Falls Rd. in Minden. Proceeds will help the non-profit with its goal to build a new kennel facility. All are welcome.

June 6, 10 a.m. Environment Haliburton! is hosting its annual general meeting at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Following the meeting, Dr. Tim James will talk about boat wakes. All are welcome.

June 6, 1 p.m. Artist Michele Karch-Ackerman will be at Agnes Jamieson Gallery to discuss her 'Museum of Her' exhibit, which runs May 28 to July 18. All are welcome. Admission is by donation.

June 6, 4:30 to 11 p.m. Minden Rotary presents its annual dinner auction and dance at the Minden Community Centre. There will be a Canadian-themed dinner by McKecks, silent auction and dancing. Tickets available at Molly's Market and Bakery, Lets Get Local and Lynda Litwin.

June 6, 7 p.m. The Kinmount District Health Services Foundation is hosting an 'Oh Canada' musical fundraiser at Galway Hall. Featuring performances by Keith Kirkpatrick and Larry Shepherd, celebrating the music of Gordon Lightfoot and Neil Young. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased by contacting kdhsf@kdhc.ca.

June 6, 8 p.m. to midnight. The Wildwoods Women are hosting a dance party for women over 30 at Pinestone Resort in Haliburton. Featuring music from the 80s, 90s and 2000s. Tickets are $45. Reclaim your wild spirit through dance, laughter and sisterhood in our forest sanctuary.

June 8, 1 to 2 p.m. The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library is holding its annual general meeting at the Minden branch, located at 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. New members are welcome. Attend in-person or via Zoom. For more information, contact folhaliburtoncounty@gmail.com.

June 8, 7 p.m. Community coffee house discussion at the Haliburton Legion, featuring Xavier Masse, a local artist and former dean of the Haliburton School of Art + Design. Music will be provided by County-based trio Loney, Love and Love. No admission charge. Sponsored by the Baha'I community of Haliburton County.

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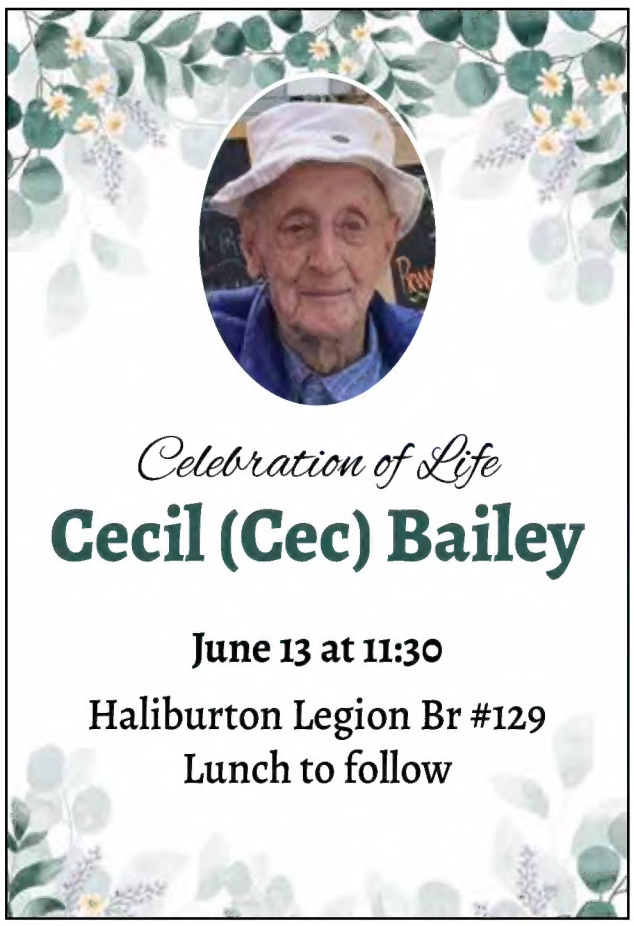

Celebration of Life

Cecil (Cec) Bailey

June 13 at 11:30

Haliburton Legion Br #129
Lunch to follow

OBITUARY

In Loving Memory of

Larry Ellison

Resident of Tory Hill

It is with deep sadness that the family of Larry Ellison announce his passing on May 28, 2026, at the age of 77. Larry lived life with honesty, humour, and a spirit that could never be ignored. Known for having no filter and always speaking his mind, Larry had a way of making people laugh and keeping those around him entertained.

Larry was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Susan Ellison, and a proud and loving father to Tammy Ellison (Jamie Mason), Cassandra Pereira (Joe Pereira), and David Ellison. He was also cherished by his stepmother, Shirley Ellison. Family meant everything to Larry, and he treasured the time spent together, whether sharing stories, lending a hand, or simply enjoying each other's company. Larry had a lifelong love of motorcycles, especially his Harley-Davidsons, and found freedom and happiness on the open road. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Private Funeral Arrangements

Funeral arrangements are private. As per Larry's wishes, there will be no Funeral Service. As an expression of sympathy, donations can be made to the Sick Kids Foundation in support of research for Nephrotic Syndrome. Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**, 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 (705) 457-9209.

OBITUARY

In Loving Memory of

Clifford William Harding

On May 9, 2026, Clifford William Harding Junior finished his journey here on earth at the age of 80. The beloved husband of Wendy, Cliff was a dedicated family man whose legacy is carried on by those he raised and mentored. He served as a father, a father figure to his nephew, and a guardian to many foster children over the years. He will be remembered for his creativity, craftsmanship, his love of classic Cars, and the practical wisdom he offered to everyone who sought his help.

Born in Toronto to Avis Kathleen Wright and Clifford William Harding Sr., Cliff moved to Port Bolster at the age of 8/9. While he was born in the city, the move to the country redefined him; he never looked back toward the city, choosing instead to build his life and his legacy first within the close-knit communities of the Georgina area and then settling in Minden Haliburton Hills. His introduction to the trade began at a young age in his father's garage; though it was a challenging chapter marked by hardship, he emerged from it with a tireless work ethic. He eventually channeled that experience into his own ventures, where his innate creativity and ingenious spirit flourished.

Cliff was a man who could build, create, or solve anything he set his mind to. He possessed the rare mind of an entrepreneur, always looking for the next venture and never afraid to build a business from the ground up. His hands were rarely still, and his mind was always several steps ahead, dreaming up ways to make things run better or more efficiently.

Cliff's life was defined by the deep roots he shared with his family. He held cherished memories of growing up alongside his siblings—Cathy (the later Bill), Diana (Allen), David (Leanne), June (Mike), Ruth (Alex), and Paul (Jean). From the foundational adventures of their youth in Port Bolster to the simple, lasting joy of summers spent at Green River camp, these shared experiences formed a touchstone he returned to throughout his life.

The most important moment of Cliff's life is when he met his future wife, Wendy at the Port Bolster drive-in where she worked when they were 16. He invited her to sit with him and they never looked back. They were happily married for over 60 years. Together they raised a family, started an autobody business, built a log cabin by hand, ran a tow truck company, founded Helping Hands foster care, and more. Cliff and Wendy faced life's challenges together with determination, optimism, and a good sense of humour. They looked out for one another and worked as a team even when things got tough.

Cliff will be remembered for being giving and helpful. He was always willing to help someone else in need. Even well into his seventies he was doing snow removal for folks that needed it and volunteering at the Minden food bank.

Cliff is survived by his wife, Wendy. He will be deeply missed by his siblings, Tia, Craig, and several generations of nieces and nephews. Cliff was a well-known face in Minden, and he will be remembered fondly by his many friends and neighbors.

A Celebration of Cliff's Life will be held at the Wintergreen Maple Products, 3325 Gelert Rd., Minden on Saturday, June 20, 2026 from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Community Food Centre would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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OBITUARY

In Loving Memory of

Joan Woodward

With heavy hearts and deep gratitude for a life so well lived, the family of Joan Woodward announce her peaceful passing on May 30, 2026, at the age of 84. Joan was the beloved wife and best friend of Ray Woodward for 64 wonderful years. Their story began in Creemore, where they both grew up and attended Collingwood High School together before marrying in June of 1962. They made their home in Haliburton, where Joan lived for more than 60 years and built a life surrounded by family and friends.

Joan was a devoted mother to Paula (Barry) and Wade (Jane), and a proud and loving grandmother to Jordan, Cody, Jesse (Paige), and Jacob (Katie). She was also a cherished great-grandmother to Brey, Dax, Wells, and Weslie, all of whom brought her endless joy. She will also be lovingly remembered by her sister, Ruth Hoy. Joan was predeceased by her parents, Orville and Grace Gowan.

Joan found happiness in life's simple pleasures. She loved spending time fishing, working on puzzles, and enjoying a good game of bingo. More than anything, she treasured time with her family. She was a wonderful partner to Ray through every season of life—steady, caring, and always by his side. Her warmth, kindness, and quiet strength created a home full of love and lasting memories. Joan will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her. The family would like to express a special thanks to Dr. Gilmour and all the staff at Haliburton Highlands Health Services for their dedication and care for Joan.

Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Joan's life will take place on Sunday, June 14, 2026, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the **PARK LANE APARTMENTS**, 1 Victoria St., Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or the Lung Health Foundation in support of COPD research would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**, 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 (705) 457-9209.

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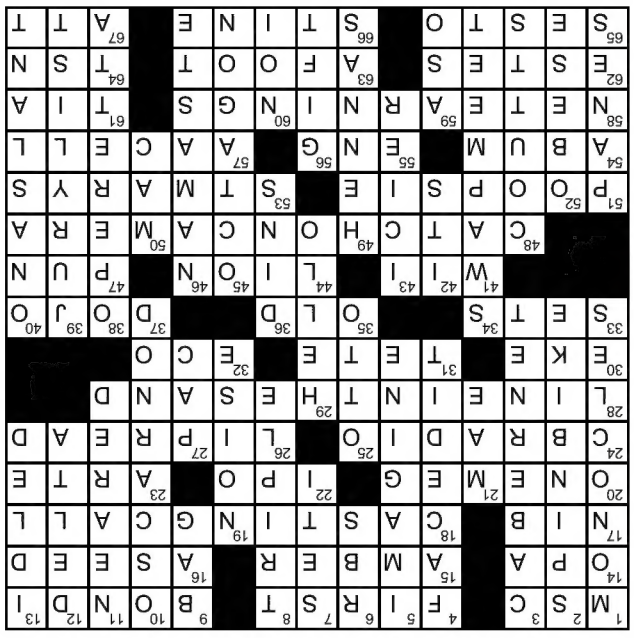

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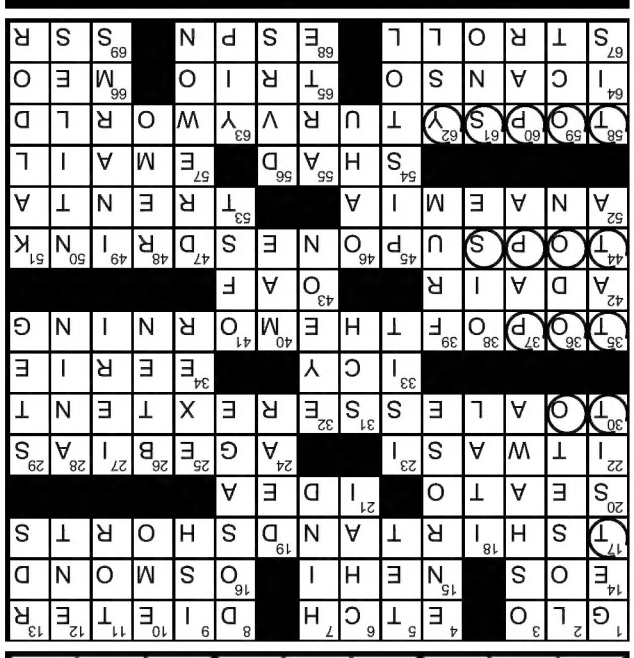

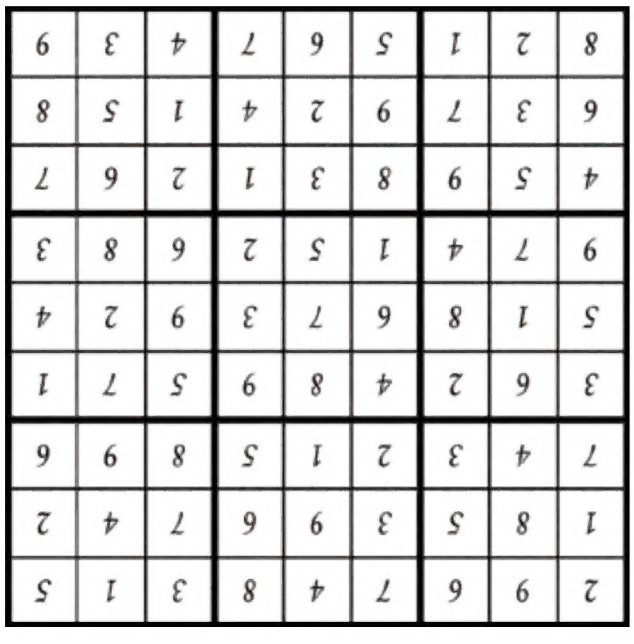

OBITUARY

In Loving Memory of

David Milner Bright

Rest in Peace and Music

Our sweet David passed away suddenly on May 26th, 2026. To say our family is devastated doesn't even begin to describe the shock of this event. Literally hundreds of you have reached out with an outpouring of love that we are so grateful for – each message so meaningful, telling us heartfelt and hilarious stories about Dave.

His wife of 54 years, Julia, his three children and their partners: Graham & Jess, Adam & Crystal, and Lauren & Matt, five grandchildren, Cohen, Jack, Sophia, Noelle & Nicholas, and his sister, Sue, have shared every summer, and every season at the Lake with Julia & Dave. A big, noisy, and endlessly hungry group, Julia has a Master's degree in creating enormous amounts of delicious food and a welcoming home. Skiing in summer and winter, campfires, family hikes, swimming, picnics at Sand Bay, and building, building, building. Always projects. Just two weeks ago, Dave was toiling over a well-seasoned aluminum boat, getting it ready for Nick to blast around the bay this summer at 'rocket' speed.

Born in London on June 8, 1947, to Helen and Bill Bright. The two were married "late" for their time, and David was a gift I'm sure they dreamed about for years. He was a beautiful child, kind, sensitive, with an artist's heart and soul.

In 1961, the Brights bought a lakefront property on Haliburton Lake, and thus began the love affair that continued throughout his life. A handful of families also built cottages on this pristine lake around that time (everyone will quibble that they were on the Lake first, so no dates included here!), and they became lifelong friends.

Music became his passion, and in grade 9 at Malvern, Dave became a superstar as the band's drummer, and his picture landed on the front page of the Toronto Star. At 19, the then-shy, dark-haired boy met the love of his life. Julia Feagan. One of seven kids and a family in West Bay (ok, yes, the Feagans were there first!), and the romance flourished. Dave became a DJ and for decades loaded a mountain of equipment and records into a trailer and played at the HLCA Regattas, Sir Sam's, weddings & parties for more than 60 years. His most recent gig was three weeks ago.

As the years passed and the older generation began to leave us, Dave and Julia's love of Haliburton led them to invest and grow their lives in the north. They moved and created their new life together, looking out at their favourite place in the world.

Dave was one of the most knowledgeable people in the country on boiler technology, and he continued his professional career until last fall. He was very well respected among his work family and forged friendships that lasted a lifetime.

Dave was the Admiral of Haliburton Lake. He cared for the health of the lake and its wildlife, taking water samples and providing shelter for its creatures. His time and efforts with shoreline planning were invaluable. He supported the community of Haliburton through many charitable donations, most notably for SIRCH.

Dave was a giant of a man who leaves a legacy of music, laughter, ridiculous stories, and love.

Sail on, Dave. Sail on.

Celebration of Life

A Celebration of David's life will take place at a later date; details to be announced. As an expression of sympathy, donations in David's name can be made to SIRCH Community Services. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**, 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 (705) 457-9209.

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In Loving Memory of

Murray Fearrey

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

It is with deep sadness that the family announces the passing of Murray Fearrey, beloved partner, father, grandfather, and servant of the community he called home for his entire 84 years. Murray passed away peacefully on May 28, 2026, at Haliburton Highlands Hospital, still proudly serving as Mayor of Dysart et al.

Murray is survived by his beloved partner of 35 years, Donna; his loving daughter, Brenda, and her partner Derek; Donna's children, who loved him as a father: Paul (Susan), Leigh (Paul), Heather (Chad); and his grandchildren, Matthew, Olivia, and Luka, who loved "Gramps" dearly.

Murray spent his entire life in Haliburton, born here, raised here, and devoted here. Over nearly six decades of public service as Reeve, 12-term County Warden, and long-serving Mayor of Dysart et al, he shaped nearly every corner of the community he loved: Head Lake Park, the arena, the curling club, the library, the hospital, and the long-term care home. He never sought recognition for any of it. He simply believed it was the right thing to do.

In his own words, spoken to The Highlander just months ago: "I've had a good run." He did. And Haliburton is better for every moment of it.

A website has been created to share highlights of Murray's story - https://murrayfearrey.manus.space/

Funeral Arrangements

Much like he never sought recognition, Murray's wishes were for a humble and no-fuss remembrance. The family wishes to honour that. A Visitation for the Community will be held on Friday, June 5, 2026, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**, 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Emergency Services & Acute Care would be appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory of

Patricia "Pat" Norman

With deep love and gratitude for a life well lived, the family of Pat Norman announces her peaceful passing into the presence of the Lord on Sunday, May 24, 2026, at the age of 94, surrounded by loved ones.

Beloved husband of Ab Norman. Loving mother of Mike and daughter-in-law Tina, and grandchildren McKendrick and Kennedy. Dear sister (and predeceased by) Dorothy and Stan Hamilton. Also lovingly remembered by her many, many friends from far and wide.

Pat enjoyed her time golfing, curling, playing cards with her different groups, and all of the wonderful years she spent on Haliburton Lake. But most of all, spending time with her family.

Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Pat's life will take place in the summer; details to be announced on www.communityfuneralhomes.com. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Pat's memory can be made to the Extendicare Proud Pioneers or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**, 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 (705) 457-9209.

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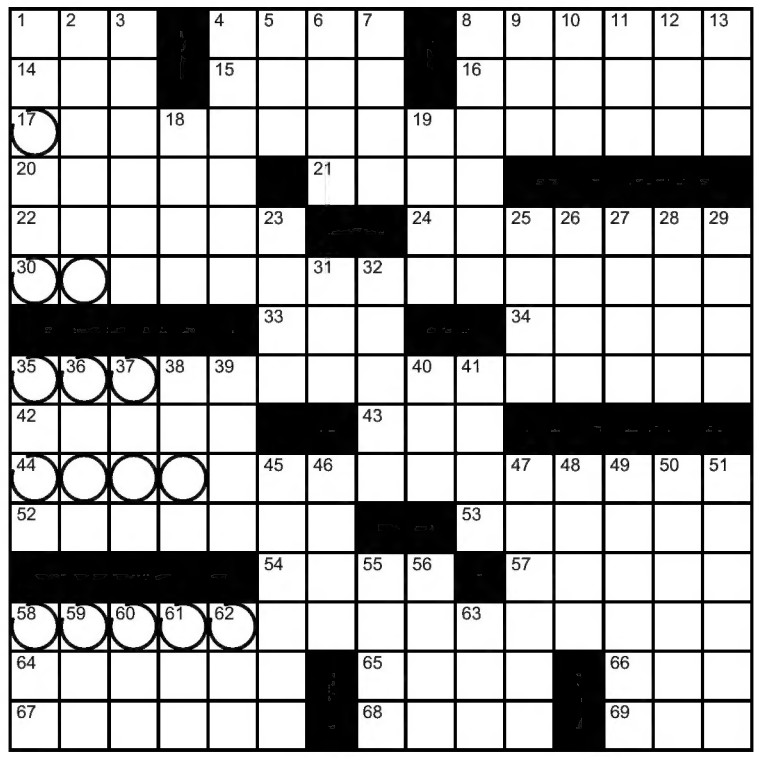

Across

1 Shine, in brand names
4 Use a router
8 Dessert-skipper, maybe
14 Aurora's Greek counterpart
15 Drink pronounced "knee high"
16 "Puppy Love" singer Donny
17 Casual summer attire
20 ___-Sky Highway (Vancouver-Whistler highway)
21 Bean product?
22 Formal "my bad"
24 Employer's preference for younger workers, maybe
30 Not so much
33 Super cool?
34 Like some coincidences
35 Dubliner's cheery greeting
42 Scottish form of Edgar
43 Bull in a china shop
44 Gives a little refill, as coffee
52 Blood ailment: Var.
53 Biggest size at Starbucks
54 "Rain" rapper from Canada
57 Monday morning accumulation
58 Earth in a state of utter chaos
64 Words heard before "Prove it!"
65 Rush or Sons of Otis
66 "Be merciful unto ___ Lord": Psalms
67 Walk in the park, maybe
68 "NFL Live" airer
69 Ukr., pre-1991

Down

1 Has a grasp of
2 Be beaten by
3 It was once "The Automaking Capital of Canada"
4 "La Vie ___" (Piaf song)
5 Vietnamese New Year
6 Spiced Indian tea
7 "The Golden ___" (Drake's ship)
8 Pill bottle data
9 Give-or-take
10 Goofball comic Philips
11 Jays or Leafs, on a scoreboard
12 Tinnitus or rhinitis doc
13 They all lead to Rome, it is said: Abbr.
18 Book title format: Abbr.
19 Letter opener
23 "That so?"
25 Workout activity: Abbr.
26 Bingo call or '30s bomber
27 Italian "yesterday"
28 Had ___ (knew people with pull)
29 Dinos Rex and Bronty's beanie baby buddy
31 Riverdale or Degrassi: Abbr.
32 Keep an ___ (watch over)
35 "Cheerio!"
36 Do too much binge watching
37 Madonna's "___ Don't Preach"
38 French/Belgian river
39 Canadian political commentator David
40 West who said "To err is human but it feels divine"
41 "Spirit ___ Louis"
45 Heat on the beat
46 Island of Hawaii's capital
47 Took inspiration from
48 Italian resort San ___
49 Dire Straits' "Brothers ___"
50 Certain Scrabble one-pointers
51 "Bird on a Wing" singer Connie
55 It hangs around le Louvre
56 Tivo predecessors
58 "Deck the Halls" contraction
59 Diwali mo.
60 About 72 for 18-holes
61 Lead-in to Caps or Cat
62 Coco competitor, in brief
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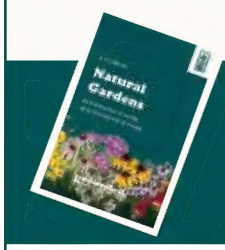

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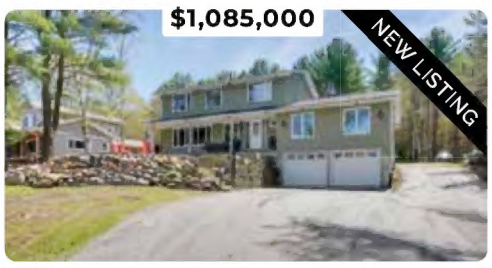

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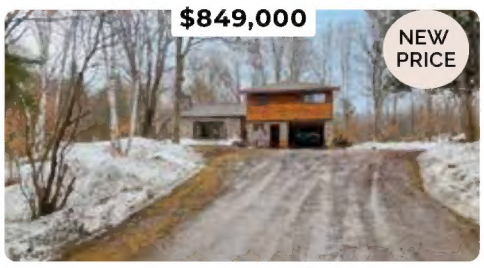

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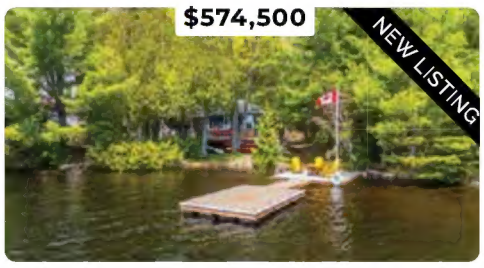

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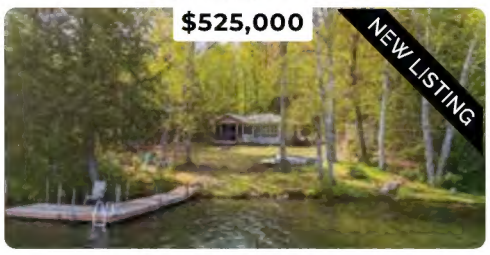

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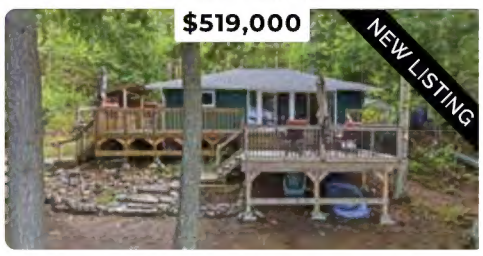

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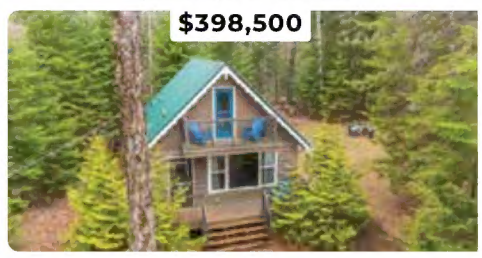

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